

amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 4200 which will be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and available on the Web sites of both the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Rules by tomorrow. The amendment in the nature of a substitute consists of the text of the bill ordered reported by the Committee on Agriculture with additional language for section 404 of the bill negotiated between the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE MAC THORNBERRY AND HONORABLE JOHN CAMPBELL TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MAY 16, 2006**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 11, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY and the Honorable JOHN CAMPBELL to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 16, 2006.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointments are approved.

There was no objection.

**WISHING MOTHERS HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity just a few days before Mother's Day to wish America's mothers a very happy Mother's Day.

We realize that mothers play so many different roles in our Nation. They are our soldiers, our factory workers, lawyers and doctor and office workers. They are also the workers that make America work; and, of course, our mothers come in all shapes, sizes, religions and of course with enormous diversity.

I wish for them a great and wonderful Mother's Day, and I hope as we plan our future in this Congress we realize that working women or mothers that stay at home care about their children, and that the work we will do will reflect on the goodness of our mothers, whether they are our extended mothers, mothers related to us by blood relationship, or mothers who have simply nourished us.

And might I simply pay tribute to my own late aunt, Valrie Bennett, and my own mother, Ivalita Jackson. For this reason, I think the reasons that mothers are always mothers, it is important to wish them a very happy Mother's Day. To the mothers of the Nation, happy Mother's Day.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

**VOICE OF AMERICA**

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of Mr. JONES.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the American people expect action regarding the porous borders of the United States. They expect and deserve leadership. Here is what some Americans are saying about our porous borders in correspondence they have sent to me.

Terrence Griffin from Spring, Texas, writes, "I am angry and fed up with the inaction and lack of leadership for immigration reform. Vote 'no' on amnesty. Illegal means illegal. Secure the borders first. We as Americans feel like thrown away stepchildren. I am taught that charity begins at home. America looks weak and reckless when it chooses to secure the borders of other nations, feed people of other nations and protect other nations when America is left unprotected, unsafe and insecure."

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Mrs. William Wainscott in Dayton, Texas, write, "Vote against amnesty and providing social services which are supported by the taxpayers. This has gone too long and too far. Our government law enforcement officials look the other way while our country is being invaded by people who choose to violate and disregard our system, that system being of legal entry and immigration. These illegals represent a major burden on taxpayers. They not only take away low-paying jobs, they take away good jobs. I should know. It is extremely difficult for an American citizen to get a job in the construction field because of the number of illegals getting preference in hiring. I speak from experience as a welder and a fitter. Because of preferential hiring practices of construction companies, the American has to look elsewhere for his employment."

Tracy Blackburn in Spring, Texas, writes, "A Los Angeles attorney brought into the case last week by the Mexican Consul General's office in Phoenix plans to file another motion claiming Maricopa County Attorney officials are violating State and Federal law because supposedly it is the Federal Government's job to control illegal immigration. Well, why is the Mexican Consul General able to use a local lawyer to try to prevent enforcement of American law? They are not U.S. citizens, what gives these people these rights? I am fed up with the illegal trespassers coming in here and demanding rights that they obviously do not have."

I also received a correspondence from a high school student from Humble, Texas. Jack writes to me, "I just wanted to express to you my feelings as part of the generation that will soon be voting. Though it is hard to get our voices out, as we are immediately hushed under the complaints of racism, many of my classmates, whether they are white, black or Hispanic, feel that the restriction of illegal immigrants is obviously a necessary action."

Further, Mr. Speaker, I have received correspondence from Richard of Houston. He says, "As Texans, we are on the front lines of this illegal invasion. If we fail to act, the future of our children, the next generation of Texans, is obviously at risk. I urge you to take all possible measures available, including support of local border law enforcement agencies, with the Texas National Guard to stop the threat to security and to our economy. Texans have always stood tall in the face of threats to our State and Nation. Because of the failure of national leadership, it is now this generation of Texans' turn to defend our land."

I have also received correspondence from Patricia in Houston. She says, "I am writing to let you know how I feel about the immigration issue. We have laws in effect that are not enforced. The illegal immigrants are breaking the law. They come over here and they do not want to melt into the melting pot of people. Please vote to shut down our borders and build a wall. I will even go down there and volunteer to help build that wall if necessary. You might be surprised how many people would volunteer to help build such a wall. And how dare people compare themselves to the immigrants that were our ancestors. They wanted to be Americans. They even changed their names to be more American. These people are taking Texas back one baby at a time and we are just allowing them. Most Americans, specifically those on the border States, feel that we need to close the border but are afraid of being called a racist. It has nothing to do with race, it has everything to do with the law."

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I received several cases of bricks from an individual down in Texas. With the cases of bricks that he has sent me this letter, "I am